

MRS. STANTON'S FAREWELL.

Her Final Speech Today Before The Woman's Convention.

SHE OUTLINES HER PLATFORM.

Proceedings of the Opening Day of the Convention—Mrs. Stanton Says That in Less Than Ten Years Women Will Vote Everywhere—Other Speeches.

Today is eminently woman's day at the national capital. The National American woman suffrage association is in session here. For the last week the delegates have been arriving in this city from the four quarters of the country and today they began their annual meeting, prepared to speak, resolve and demand. Lincoln music hall was the place for holding the meetings and there was something very appropriate in this, for it was in the old Lincoln hall that the different associations held their annual meetings during many years.

The two associations, the American and the National, united into one, held their first meeting as a united body in the hall this morning, beginning a new era, perhaps, in a new meeting. It was a large and enthusiastic gathering who thoroughly understood the subject which they were to discuss. To every word uttered from the stage they responded with a shout or a cheer. The hall was filled with the sound of the cheering and the sound of the cheering.

There were women from all parts of the country and in all professions of life. There were doctors, lawyers, ministers and newspaper writers, as well as large numbers of others whose sphere of activity is not so broad perhaps, lying as it does in the home circles of a nation. It was an earnest, enthusiastic gathering who thoroughly understood the subject which they were to discuss. To every word uttered from the stage they responded with a shout or a cheer.

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must recognize the equal rights of all parties, sects and races, manifest a broad catholic spirit for all shades of opinion in which we may differ and ever hold a sacred regard for the rights of the majority to the greater good that can be accomplished by harmonious and concentrated action.

Still Mrs. Stanton did not begin her speech. For Miss Anthony interrupted her again until two men brought in a large shield bearing the armorial design of Wyoming and decorated with the stars and stripes of the United States flag. The platform and its appearance was the signal for applause.

Mrs. Stanton then delivered her speech. She did not stand, but sat at the little table during the hour it took her to read her address. She adjusted her glasses to her nose and sat so close to the light from a reading lamp on the table that she was almost in shadow.

In introducing her speech Mrs. Stanton referred to her near future departure for Europe. She said she might not again appear on this platform for some years, perhaps never. In saying farewell for the present she asked the privilege of expressing her own views on a few questions which she thought it desirable to place before the present assembly.

Mrs. Stanton attributed the failure to make more rapid progress to two causes: First, the tardy and indifference to society to all reform. Second, lack of thorough and widespread organization.

She sketched the organization of the national and the American associations and their work as separate organizations for twenty years. Now they had come to the conclusion in union there is strength and there was now one organization uniting all forces under one banner, victory, she declared, would soon be theirs and there would no longer be need of any organization.

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Some men, she said, told them that they must be patient, persuasive and womanly. What was a man's idea of "womanly"? It was that a woman should be submissive. He wanted no self-assertion on her part; no courage, no strength, no independence, no the darkest pages in history are filled with the names of women, should men tell them that to be patient, to be womanly, to be submissive, to be obedient, to be what it is to be womanly. To be obedient, to be the mere echoes of themselves, she dared say the carpet knights of England thought Jean d'Arcy unwomanly. She dared say that the husband who thought Florence Nightingale unwomanly.

Referring to the plan that they came forward year after year with the same arguments, Mrs. Stanton said their arguments would not be heard. She said that the women of the world have been crowned with the freedom of suffrage.

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in this country for the freedmen. "Woman, too, has dreamed—dreamed of the time when, equal with her brother in the least and the greatest of every civil, social and political right, she should be able to exercise jointly with him that right of sovereignty, that right of suffrage, which the country for every other right depends upon. One by one the barriers of legal inequality have been thrown down and the path to many an avenue to honor and wealth and profit has been opened. The freedmen have been able to stand on the same level as the white man. The freedmen have been able to stand on the same level as the white man.

At the conclusion of Mr. Foulke's address Mrs. Stanton rose to leave the hall, and as she did so, at Phoebe Cousins's suggestion, all the audience arose and gave Mrs. Stanton the Chautauque farewell cheer. Three cheers were given her and she bowed and waved her hand. Phoebe Cousins gave her a kiss for the whole assembly and in the name of the association wished her God-speed on her journey and a safe return.

The morning session then adjourned with a few words from Miss Susan B. Anthony.

The American woman suffrage association and the National woman suffrage association will no longer exist as separate organizations. At the lengthy executive session held yesterday afternoon, the two associations voted to unite and will hereafter be known as the National American woman suffrage association.

Mrs. May Wright Sewall presided at the meeting last night, at which the following officers were elected: President, Elizabeth Cady Stanton; vice president, at large, Susan B. Anthony; corresponding secretary, Alice Stone Blackwell; treasurer, Jane H. Spofford; chairman of executive committee, Lucy Stone.

Proposals for Building Two Gunboats and a Practice Ship Declined.

A letter was today sent to the Samuel L. Moore & Sons ship building company of Elizabethport, N. J., from the Secretary of the Navy, rejecting their bids on the proposed two one thousand - ton gunboats and the eight hundred - ton practice vessel.

It will now be for the Secretary to determine whether he will accept one of the remaining bids or readvertise the vessels. The appropriation for the two gunboats is \$700,000, and for the practice vessel \$300,000. The latter ship must, under any circumstances, be readvertised unless the department is content with the bid of the Boston firm, which was \$1,000,000.

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SOCIAL MATTERS.

Receptions and Other Entertainments—Personal Mention.

A large number of society people were attracted to the large country house of Mrs. J. N. Huston, on the Columbia road, yesterday afternoon to attend her evening formal reception. The apartment rooms were brightly lighted and tastefully decorated with flowers and plants. In the dining room the refreshments included salads, sandwiches, coffee and lemonade. Three hundred and fifty guests were present.

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FOR RENT—1720 13th St. N.W. TWO LARGE COMFORTABLE ROOMS, with private entrance, no board; gentlemen preferred. 1110-1111.

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